

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Snow, Ceri Otero, Ed Barlow and Mark Elliff.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Dan Rife, City Administrator Greg Dagnan, Assistant City Administrator Traci Cox, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson, Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, City Attorney Nate Dally, Council Members Ed Hardesty and David Armstrong, Chamber of Commerce Director Julie Reams and Vision Carthage Director Abi Almandinger.

Mr. Snow called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Mr. Elliff made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 28 Budget Meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing Fiscal 2023 Budget.**

2. **Continue Budget Perfection.**

The status of Fire Station #2, costs to operate Municipal Pool, the Police Department take-home vehicle program, a hiring freeze by attrition, the county transportation tax transfer of funds to the city, a future meeting with the Fire District Board, and collection of taxes in Peachtree CID were all discussed. ARPA funds will be used to cover any losses in the General Fund for the next fiscal year.

Requests for use of ARPA funds were reviewed and approved as follows:

Approved – Financial Reporting and Budgeting Software - \$636,500

Approved – PPE Stock for Fire Department - \$30,000

Approved – Auto CPR System for Fire Department - \$35,000

Approved – Civic Experience Software - \$179,196

Revisit – Wifi in Parks - \$450,000 for all parks or \$280,000 for key areas

Revisit – Police Take-Home Vehicle Project - \$542,710

Agency Contracts were reviewed as follows:

Over 60 Center – no increase, \$21,000 for utilities and \$2,000 for building maintenance

CEDC – Ms. Otero moved to discuss support of CEDC efforts with CWEP explaining the City cannot afford the full request of \$70,000 but will pay up to \$20,000 to the CEDC. Motion carried 4-0.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Barlow moved to freeze the contribution at \$37,500 for the 2023 FY only. Motion carried 4-0.

Vision Carthage – Mr. Elliff moved to enter into contract for \$37,500. Motion carried.

Carthage Humane Society – Ms. Otero moved to enter into contract for \$44,000. Motion failed 1-3. Mr. Elliff moved to enter into contract for \$39,500 but withdrew his motion. Mr. Barlow moved to enter into contract for \$38,000. Motion carried 3-1 with Ms. Otero casting

the nay vote.

Members discussed the Carthage Water & Electric Plant budget. Ms. Otero moved to approve the budget, including rate increases, and forward to council. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Staff Reports.

Mr. Dagnan reported on sales and use tax revenues.

4. Other Business None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M. on motion by Mr. Barlow.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Cox